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June 2008

REC ROOM – BACK OPEN!

The Milwaukee County Rec Room has been redesigned and is back on-line. To view recreation opportunities for persons with disabilities visit the following;
<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/RecRoom> .

FISHING HAS NO BOUNDRIES

"Most of us think that going fishing is as easy as a walk down to a lake. For over 56 million Americans with disabilities, it's just not that easy."

Fishing Has No Boundaries®, Inc. (FHNB) is a non-profit 501-C3 organization whose goal is to open up the great outdoors for people with disabilities through the world of fishing. FHNB has grown into a National Organization with 23 chapters in 11 states, enabling thousands of individuals with disabilities to participate fully in this spirit lifting, morale booster, trouble free recreational activity.

We believe through education, training, and the use of adaptive angling equipment, **everyone** is able to share in a dream come true.

For more information about Fishing Has No Boundaries, contact David at 414-227-1251 or visit
<http://www.fhnbinc.org/index.htm> . For a list of events in 2008 visit the following,
<http://www.fhnbinc.org/events.htm> .

COLLECTED THOUGHTS:

Art Show at Bayshore Town Center

June 1-29, 2008, Near Indoor Rotunda

VSA arts will showcase murals created by artists from Milwaukee Center for Independence, Mitchell Manor, Franklin-Wauwatosa School District, Down Syndrome Association, Prince of Peace School, Easter Seals Kindcare and Goodwill Industries. VSA Artist Kitty Dyble-Thompson inspired and assisted each group with their artistic visions. An artist reception will take place on June 19 at 11 a.m.

VSA HOSTS: ARTSPARK

On Wednesday, June 25, 2008, from 11am-2pm, VSA arts will host an ARTSPARK festival at the Marian Center for Nonprofits, 3211 South Lake Drive. The outdoor festival, ALL CAN CREATE, will feature music by Fox & Branch, a dance performance by Milwaukee Public Theatre and VSA arts and friends will help create a community canvas. CVS Pharmacy is helping sponsor the event.

Families and children welcome. For more information, please contact Heide Planey at VSA arts, 414-489-0541.

CAREGIVER'S CORNER

This month's corner is dedicated to letting you know about two new populations of caregivers that are served by the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP). Until recently, NFCSP only served: caregivers of older adults age 60+, grandparents and relative caregivers 55+ caring for children 18 and under

The NFCSP is now able to serve two new populations as well: grandparents or relative caregivers 55+ who are caring for a relative with a disability who is age 19 to 59, caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or a related disorder (regardless of age)

This change opens up the doors to many more caregivers to receive the great services of NFCSP, which include respite (taking a break), support, assistance, information and education. The local branch of the NFCSP, the Family Caregiver Support Network (FCSN), has resource specialists available 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, to offer help in any of these areas, and there are two local websites - www.caregiversupportnetwork.org and www.living-options.org - and one state website - www.wisconsinccaregiver.org - that are always available for your information.

'Caregiver's Corner' is contributed by the Family Caregiver Support Network of Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc., 414-220-8600, 800-449-4481





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SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATES

By Karyl Richson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Milwaukee

HELP YOUR MOM SAVE \$3,600!

People all over the country are helping their moms save as much as \$3,600 per year on the cost of prescription drugs. You can too!

We all know the high cost of medicine can be a burden on mothers who have limited income and resources. But there is *extra help* — available through Social Security — that could pay part of her monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The *extra help* could be worth up of \$3,600 per year.

To figure out whether your mother is eligible, Social Security needs to know her income and the value of her savings, investments and real estate (other than the home she lives in). To qualify for the *extra help*, she must be receiving Medicare and also have:

Income limited to \$15,600 for an individual or \$21,000 for a married couple living together. Even if her annual income is higher, she still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if she or her spouse:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

Resources limited to \$11,990 for an individual or \$23,970 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count her house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help complete for your mom. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the *Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs* (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

DTV CONVERTER BOX

Where can I get details about a converter box for DTV? You can visit http://www.dtvanswers.com/dtv_converterbox.html to get your answers and order a coupon.

HAPPENINGS @ BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS

Growing Gardeners / Green Thumbs (Ages 3 - 5 / 6 - 8)

Peonies, Poppies & Pansies, Oh My! - June 14 and 16
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Cost: \$12.50 per child. No refunds or substitutions. Programs begin at 10:30 am and are one hour. Classes are held in the Boerner Botanical Gardens Education and Visitor Center. Class consists of a botanical theme, hands-on projects and a snack. Most classes involve some "messy" work so children should wear clothing that is appropriate. Classes are designed for adult(s) to attend with their child(ren). Class sizes are limited, pre-registration is required.

Call or e-mail to register: Phone: 414-525-5675, Email: scheduling@fbg.org

ARTIST CALL Tap the Potential, Disability Awareness 2008



If you are an artist with a disability, you are invited to submit your work for one of the community art shows that is being sponsored in October. "The art show is one of the best ways we know of to raise the community's awareness of talent and creativity of people with disabilities", stated Heide Planey, this year's chairperson. Contact Heide at hplaney@yahoo.com. Call 489-0541.

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THE FRIENDS OF BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS PRESENT: "Earth Tones: Gardening in Tune with Nature" a Garden Trends Symposium.

Saturday, October 11, 2008, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Cost: \$75 per person (incl continental breakfast & lunch)
Call 414-525-5675 for reservations
Visit www.boernerbotanicalgardens.org for more infor.

Boerner Botanical Gardens will present a perspective for the home owner in planning, planting and maintaining a "Green" garden. Local, regional, and national subject matter experts will present trend philosophies and hands-on demonstrations on the theme. The speaker line-up:

Keynote Speaker: Melinda Myers

Melinda Myers is best known for her gardener friendly and practical approach to gardening. Myers shares her expertise through a variety of media outlets. She has written 19 books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening, the Birds & Blooms' Ultimate Gardening Guide, and Jackson and Perkins' Beautiful Roses Made Easy: Midwestern Edition. She hosts "Great Lakes Gardener," seen on PBS stations throughout the United States, and "Melinda's Garden Moments", which air on network television stations throughout the country. Additionally, she hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio program for over 20 years.

Native Plant Expert: Roy Diblik

Roy Diblik is co-owner of Northwind Perennial Farm has propagated prairie plants and has completed full-scale prairie restorations since the late 1970's. Roy works closely with Dutch designer, Piet Oudolf, including providing the plants used in the naturalist portion of Millennium Park, Chicago. He has also evaluated and introduced several new perennials. Diblik's new book Know Maintenance Gardening will be release in June 2008.

Garden Writer: Kris Medic, The New American Backyard

Kris Medic is principal of Groundsmith Consulting, which provides arborist consulting and sustainable landscape management for institutional properties. She has a BS degree from Purdue University, and earned her MS from

the University of Delaware, where she was a Longwood Graduate Fellow. She is a Board-Certified Master Arborist. She worked for eight years as Columbus Indiana's city arborist and park operations director and for five years at Georgia's Callaway Gardens.

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<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/CertificatesRecordsL7731.htm>

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<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/GetCountyJobInformat7732.htm>

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<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/CountyFacilityRental10670.htm>

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<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/CourtServices7714.htm>

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<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/FindAirportBusInfo7738.htm>

Obtain Property Information

<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/RegisterofDeeds7722.htm>

Obtain Information on Aging

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Obtain Information on Health & Human Services

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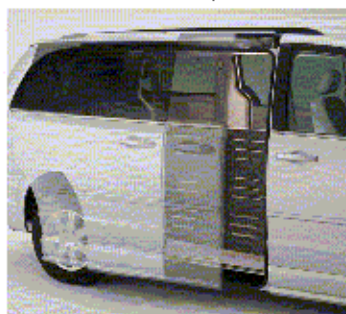


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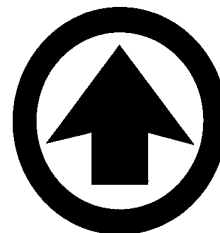
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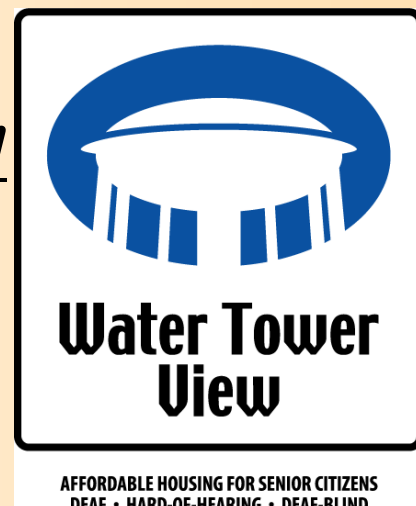
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SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security Announces Improvements to the Ticket to Work Program

The Social Security Administration issued final rules designed to improve the Ticket to Work program. The changes will improve the effectiveness of the Ticket program in assisting beneficiaries with disabilities who want to work.

"These rules outline a new and improved Ticket to Work program and are based on learning from our experiences, listening to input from interested parties, and responding to their suggestions," said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "Beneficiaries with disabilities will have greater flexibility and expanded choices in obtaining the services they need to attain their employment goals."

The new Ticket to Work program rules:

- **Include more beneficiaries under the Program**--The population of individuals eligible for a Ticket is expanded to include beneficiaries who are expected to medically improve.
- **Increase incentive payments for Employment Networks (ENs)**--The new rules modify the EN payment systems to create greater financial incentives for service providers to participate, which will improve beneficiary access to services and expand the pool of quality providers available to serve beneficiaries.
- **Increase the value of the Ticket**--The rules for Ticket assignment are changed to enable beneficiaries with disabilities to take advantage of a more effective combination of services from both State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies and ENs.
- **Synergize efforts**--The new rules promote better alignment of the Ticket to Work Program, the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program, the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security Program, and other Social Security work incentive initiatives.

"Thus far, the results of the Ticket to Work program have been less than everyone expected and clearly less than Congress intended," Commissioner Astrue said. "We need to monitor the results of today's regulation closely, but it is highly likely that Congress will need to revisit the statute in the next few years in order to achieve the goals that Congress intended."

In preparation for the new Ticket to Work program, Social Security is undertaking a major recruitment effort to increase the number of organizations functioning as ENs. Social Security also is initiating targeted outreach to promote the Program to more beneficiaries and to encourage their participation. In addition, Social Security is presenting at national and state conferences and bringing beneficiaries and ENs together at local Work Incentives Seminars (WISE events) throughout the country.

The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 established the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program. The purpose of the Ticket to Work program is to expand the universe of service providers available to beneficiaries with disabilities who are seeking vocational rehabilitation, employment and related support services. These service providers are available to assist beneficiaries in obtaining, regaining and maintaining self-supporting employment. Available in all 50 States and the US territories, the Ticket to Work program is an important component in a coordinated series of work incentives and initiatives that are designed to help overcome barriers to employment often experienced by beneficiaries with disabilities.

The final rule can be accessed through the *Federal Register* online at www.regulations.gov.

For general information about the Ticket to Work Program, visit Social Security's website--*The Work Site*: www.socialsecurity.gov/work.

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Adapted/modified seating, cushions, wedges,
lumbar supports, wheel chair modifications,
seat lifts, pressure monitors etc.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

People with speech and writing problems can
use communication boards, speech
synthesizers, text-to-speech
software and more.

GET ON LINE

People who can't use a computer
because of vision, hearing or
mobility or other problems can
get special keyboards, pointers.
touch screens, screen readers and
more.



Experts at these local agencies can provide information and help find resources that are right for you

IndependenceFirst

600 W. Virginia, 4th Floor

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 291-7520

www.independencefirst.org

Best for: All

Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)

10243 W. National Avenue

West Allis, WI 53227

414-604-2200 (Voice) 888-742-7651 (TTY)

800-755-7994 (Toll Free)

www.cdhh.org

Best for: Hearing Problems

Center for Deaf-Blind Persons, Inc.

3195 South Superior Street

Milwaukee, WI 53207

414.481.7477 V/TTY/Telebraille

www.deaf-blind.org

Best for: People who have both hearing and vision problems

Badger Association of the Blind, Inc

912 N. Hawley Road

Milwaukee, WI 53213

(414) 258-9200 Toll Free (877) 258-9200

www.badgerassoc.org

Best for: Vision Problems

Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Family Learning Vacation 2008

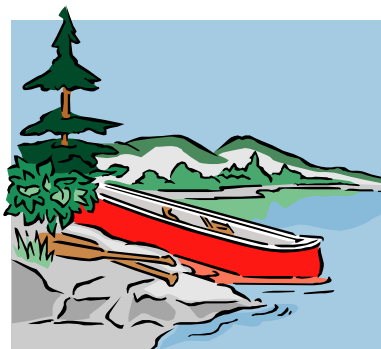
Friday, August 15 through Sunday, August 17, 2008
at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI



Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet and spend time with families with d/Deaf or hard of hearing children from all over the state. At Family Learning Vacation, you'll enjoy a weekend of fun, friendship and interesting workshops. Share experiences, participate in informative programs and have a great time exploring the beautiful Wisconsin Lions Camp, located near Stevens Point, which features 400 acres of forests, trails, native wildlife and a private lake—the perfect setting for a family vacation.

Learning ☆ Encouragement ☆ Inspiration ☆ Fun

- Enjoy family togetherness - swimming, boating, hayrides, campfires and more
- Meet other families with d/Deaf or hard of hearing children
- Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones
- Informative workshops designed just for families with d/Deaf and hard of hearing children
- Adult social time
- Crafts and games just for the kids
- And so much more!



✂ Complete the form below to be sure to receive your FLV Registration Packet!

☐ **Yes!** Please send me information about attending Family Learning Vacation 2008.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (evening): _____ E-Mail: _____

For more information, contact: CDHH ♦ 10243 W. National Avenue ♦ West Allis, WI 53227
414-604-2200 V ♦ 888-742-7651 TTY ♦ E-Mail: kmalak@cdhh.org ♦ Website: www.cdhh.org
Registration packets will be available approximately May 1.

HAVE FUN LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE THIS SUMMER

at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Exposure to sign language can be beneficial for children *with or without hearing loss* -- improving their language skills, motor skills and appreciation for another language and culture. Plus, it's a lot of fun! This summer, take part in an activity that **you and your child can enjoy together** and sign up today for a summer sign language class at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

<p>Wee Sign Too! Baby Sign Class</p> <p>Tuesdays, June 24 – July 29 9:30 to 10:00 AM</p> <p>Learn to communicate with your baby <i>before</i> he or she can speak with this sign language class designed specifically for hearing children up to 18 months old and their parents or caregivers. Give your child a head start on language development through this fun and interactive class.</p> <p>\$25 for one parent & child \$10 for each additional parent or child</p> <p><i>The book Baby Sign Language Basics will be used and can be purchased from CDHH for \$9</i></p>	<p>Toddler Signing Story Time</p> <p>Tuesdays, June 24 – July 29 10:15 to 10:45 AM</p> <p>Toddlers and young children <i>with or without hearing loss</i> will enjoy popular children's stories, such as <u>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</u>, told in sign language. Geared towards children up to 18 months old. No book required.</p> <p>\$25 for one parent & child \$10 for each additional parent or child</p>	<p>Mom & Me Sign Class (Dads welcome too!)</p> <p>Mondays, June 23 – July 28 12:30 – 1:30 PM</p> <p>You and your child ages 4 through 10 can learn American Sign Language (ASL) together in this special class designed to make learning sign language fun. No books necessary – you will learn signs by participating in activities, singing songs and telling stories.</p> <p>\$30 for one parent & child \$10 for each additional parent or child</p>
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All classes will be taught by Tricia Condon, Program Assistant for the CDHH Kellogg Child and Family Program and held **at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 10243 W. National Avenue, West Allis** (between US45/I894 and Highway 100)

Yes! I would like to attend: ☐ **Wee Sign Too!** ☐ **Toddler Signing Story Time** ☐ **Mom & Me Sign Class**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____ E-Mail: _____

Class fee is due with registration. Please make checks payable to CDHH.

Wee Sign Too! (Parent & Child) @ \$25 \$_____ Signing Story Time (Parent & Child) @ \$25 \$_____

Mom & Me Sign Class (Parent & Child) @ \$30 \$_____

Additional parent or child _____ @ \$10 \$_____
(submit additional names on the back)

of books _____ @ \$9 each \$_____

Grand Total \$ _____

Class sizes are limited. Register online or return this form with payment to CDHH by June 16, 2008.
CDHH ♦ 10243 W. National Ave. ♦ West Allis, WI 53227 ♦ (414) 604-2200 VOICE ♦ (888) 742-7651 TTY
Website: www.cdhh.org



Discover how to communicate in sign language...

Sign up now for CDHH Summer Classes at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 10243 W. National Avenue, West Allis

ASL I

**Tuesdays, 6:00 PM - 8:30PM
June 10 through August 12**

If you've been curious about American Sign Language, here's your chance to learn basic vocabulary, use of expression and finger spelling. Plus you'll be introduced to Deaf culture.

The text *Learning American Sign Language* is recommended. It is available from CDHH for \$54.

A limited number of copies are available for rental for the semester for \$20. Books must be returned in good condition.

ASL II

**Mondays, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
June 9 through August 11**

If you have completed a beginning sign course at CDHH or elsewhere, this class is for you. You will develop vocabulary and basic conversation skills, and learn more about how to interact with Deaf adults.

The text *Learning American Sign Language* is recommended. It is available from CDHH for \$54.

A limited number of copies are available for rental for the semester for \$20. Books must be returned in good condition.

COMMUNICATING WITH KIDS IN SIGN

**Tuesday evenings, 5:30 – 7:00 PM
June 10 – July 29**

This sign language class is for *parents, grandparents, relatives, neighbors, babysitters* and *any adult* who needs to communicate in sign language with a young child. The focus is on vocabulary and basic sign language communication used in the day-to-day lives of deaf and hard of hearing infants/toddlers and their families. Your instructor, Tricia Condon, is deaf and has extensive experience working with deaf and hard of hearing children as the Program Assistant for the Kellogg Child and Family Program at CDHH.

Fee: \$55 (\$45 for each additional family member)

☐ **Yes!** I would like to attend summer sign classes at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (evening): _____ E-Mail: _____

Class Name	Fee	Total
ASL I	\$85 per student / \$54 for book	\$
ASL II	\$85 per student / \$54 for book (same as used in ASL I)	\$
Communicating with Kids in Sign*	\$55.00 for 1 st family member / \$45.00 for each add person *Book: <i>Signing for Kids</i> - \$12.00 each	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF ALL CLASS ATTENDEES ON BACK.

Class size is limited. All registrations must be received at least one week before start of class.
Please call 414-604-2200 (Voice) to register by phone or return this form with payment to:
Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ♦ 10243 W. National Ave. ♦ West Allis, WI 53227
(414) 604-2200 VOICE ♦ (888) 742-7651 TTY



Milwaukee County - Department of Health & Human Services

2008 SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDCARE PROGRAM

Classes held at Marcia P. Coggs Human Service Center: 1220 W. Vliet Street, in Room 104, ENTRANCE THROUGH BACK DOOR.

Parents can attend for FREE! See payment instructions below. If you have questions, call Ann or Barbara at **414-289-6558**.

DATE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION
June 4 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Sensory Integration Terri Enters, Lutheran Social Services-Birth to three	What is sensory Integration? Learn how a lack of sensory integration through touch, sound, and movement can lead to behavior problems and difficulty with coordination. Learn techniques to avoid behavior challenges
June 7 9:30am - 11:30am	Understanding Spina Bifida Katherine Krahling Spina Bifida Association	What is Spina Bifida? Learn the most common types of SB, how Folic Acid factors into the disorder along with Latex precautions, allergies and other therapies.
June 11 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Using your Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Meg Steimle, S.E. Regional Center for Children & Youth for Special Health Care Needs	What is the Regional Center and how is it a resource? Staff will discuss services they provide to families of children with special needs in Southeast Wisconsin. Learn the Medical Home concept and how parents can work with health care providers to build a partnership to promote continuity of care.
July 16 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Understanding Diabetes Debra Walton, Visiting Nurse Association	Learn about Diabetes and the effects on children in your care. Discuss how to include children coping with this disorder.
July 19 9:30am - 11:30am	Music Therapy, Making Music Work For You! John Hartman, Milwaukee Center for Independence	Learn specifics on how to use music to get the responses you want and to increase communication, socialization and to engage people in movement. This engaging and interactive presentation will explore how music works to achieve these goals.
July 23 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Understanding ADHD and Co-Existing Disorders Maureen Keyes of UW-Milwaukee	Learn about ADHD and how different techniques can improve your ability to care successfully for young children coping with this disorder.
August 13 5:45pm - 7:45pm	T.I.P.S to Prevent "Flat Head" In Infants Micki Klaves of Milwaukee Center for Independence	Learn about Tummy time, Infant equipment, Positioning an infant, and the importance of Starting right away to avoid Positional Plagiocephaly or flat head for infants
August 20 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Using Play to Develop Speech and Language Amanda Dobberstein, Easter Seals Kindcare	Learn techniques that focus on playtime to encourage children to develop speech and language skills.
September 13 9:30am - 11:30am	Child Abuse & Neglect Liz Ghilardi, LCSW, Child Abuse Prevention Consultant	Learn about the signs and symptoms of abuse in children. Find out if you are a mandated reporter and what you can do to help protect the children in your care.



Pre-registration fee is \$10.00/Late payment fee is \$15.00. Mail fee and completed form to: Coggs Center Business Office: 1220 W. Vliet Street, Milw. WI 53205. Accepted forms of payment: money order or certified bank check made out to DHHS. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS.** The Business Office will accept cash from 7:30am-4:00pm. The fees for each class are non-refundable/non-transferable unless class cancels. No payments accepted at class.

Name: _____ Day Phone: _____

Child care name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address to mail certificate: _____ Zip: _____

Last 5 digits of Social Security # _____ **Date of Birth** ____/____/____

I am a Parent/family member of a child with special needs attending for free (do not receive a certificate): YES ☐

I am an Employee: _____ I am an Owner: _____ PROVIDER # _____

CLASS NAMES:

DATES:

Need interpreter or special accommodation: Yes____ No____ Type: _____

Necesito interprete en Espanol: Si____ No____ Pide 3 dias antes para un interprete.

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***For class updates and registration forms: www.milwaukee.gov/sncc**

****Certificates mailed approximately 2 weeks after the class.**

"DTV" IS COMING (AND SOONER THAN YOU THINK!)

FCC Consumer Facts

On February 17, 2009, federal law requires that all full-power television broadcast stations stop broadcasting in analog format and broadcast only in digital format. Here's what these requirements will mean for you and your television viewing.

Why Are Broadcast TV Stations Switching to All-Digital?

Congress mandated the conversion to all-digital television broadcasting, also known as the digital television (DTV) transition, because all-digital broadcasting will free up frequencies for public safety communications (such as police, fire, and emergency rescue). Also, digital is a more efficient transmission technology that allows broadcast stations to offer improved picture and sound quality, as well as offer more programming options for consumers through multiple broadcast streams (multicasting). In addition, some of the freed up frequencies will be used for advanced commercial wireless services for consumers.

What Do I Need To Do To Be Ready For The DTV Transition?

What you need to do depends on the source of your television programming, whether you receive programming over-the-air or from a paid provider such as a cable or satellite TV company.

How Do I Receive Digital Broadcasts If I Don't Subscribe To Cable Or Satellite?

If you receive only free over-the-air television programming, the type of TV you own, either a digital TV or an analog TV, is very important. Consumers who receive only free over-the-air television may view digital programming through a TV set with a built-in digital tuner (integrated DTV) or a digital-ready monitor with a separate digital tuner set-top box. (Both of these digital television types are referred to as a DTV). The only additional equipment required to view over-the-air digital programming with a DTV is a regular antenna, either on your roof or a smaller version on your TV such as "rabbit ears."

If you have an analog television, you will have to purchase a digital-to-analog set-top converter box to attach to your TV set to be able to view over-the-air digital programming (see "What About My Analog TV?" below).

How Do I Know Whether I Own a DTV?

As of March 1, 2007, all television receivers shipped in interstate commerce or imported into the United States must contain a digital tuner. In addition, effective May 25, 2007, the Commission required sellers of television receiving equipment that does not include a digital tuner to disclose at the point-of-sale that such devices include only an analog tuner, and therefore will require a digital-to-analog converter box to receive over-the-air broadcast television after the transition date. Retailers must inform consumers by prominently displaying the following text if they are selling TV equipment with only an analog tuner:

This television receiver has only an analog broadcast tuner and will require a converter box after February 17, 2009, to receive over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Analog-only TVs should continue



to work as before with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and similar products. For more information, call the Federal Communications Commission at 1-888-225-5322 (TTY: 1-888-835-5322) or visit the Commission's digital television website at: www.dtv.gov.

Therefore, after May 25, 2007, all television equipment being sold should contain a digital tuner, or should be identified at the point-of-sale as not having one. Be sure to look for this label if you are purchasing a new TV.

As for how to determine whether your television equipment purchased prior to May 25, 2007 is a DTV, many DTVs and digital television equipment will have labels or markings on them, or statements in the informational materials that came with them, to indicate that they contain digital tuners. These labels or markings may contain the words "Integrated Digital Tuner" or "Digital Tuner Built-In." "Receiver" may be substituted for "Tuner," and "DTV," "ATSC," or "HDTV" (high definition television) may be substituted for "Digital." If your television equipment contains any of these labels or markings, you should be able to view digital over-the-air programming without the need for a digital-to-analog converter box. (Remember, you do not need an HDTV to view free over-the-air digital programming. As long as your television equipment contains a digital tuner, you can view over-the-air digital. An HDTV is only necessary if you want to view digital programming in "high definition.")

You should also check the manual or any other materials that came with your television equipment in order to determine whether it contains a digital tuner.

If your television set is labeled as a "Digital Monitor" or "HDTV Monitor," or as "Digital Ready" or "HDTV Ready," this does not mean it actually contains a digital tuner. Thus, you still will likely need a separate set-top box which contains a tuner in order to view programs in the new digital TV transmission standard (which includes HDTV formats) on such a set.

Over-the-air digital set-top boxes can be purchased at retail stores. Cable and satellite TV providers also sell or lease digital set-top boxes for their specific services. (Note: the digital set-top box described here is not the same as the NTIA program digital-to-analog converter box, described below, used to convert free over-the-air digital broadcasts for viewing on an analog TV set.)

If your television set is labeled as "analog" or "NTSC," but is NOT labeled as containing a digital tuner, it contains an analog tuner only.

If you cannot determine whether your television set or other television equipment contains a digital tuner, you are advised to check your equipment for the manufacturer name and model number, and then contact your consumer electronics retailer, or the manufacturer, to determine whether it contains a digital tuner. This information also may be available online through the manufacturer's website.

Because most broadcast stations in all U.S. television markets are already broadcasting in digital, consumers are further advised to contact their local broadcast stations to determine the channel numbers on which the stations are broadcasting digital programming. Consumers should then ensure that their televisions are set up to receive over-the-air programming (as distinguished from the signals of a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV service), and then tune to the over-the-air digital channels to see if they can receive the digital broadcast programming.



What About My Analog TV? Will It Still Work?

After February 17, 2009, you will be able to receive and view over-the-air digital programming with an analog TV only by purchasing a digital-to-analog set-top converter box. Between January 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009, all U.S. households will be able to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the future purchase of eligible digital-to-analog converter boxes. Eligible converter boxes are for the conversion of over-the-air digital television signals, and therefore are not intended for analog TVs connected to a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV service.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is administering the coupon program. For more information, visit the NTIA website at www.dtv2009.gov. The Commission's DTV website, www.dtv.gov, also provides information for consumers on the upcoming digital-to-analog converter box coupon program. More detailed information regarding NTIA's coupon program, what digital-to-analog converter boxes will be eligible, where and when they may be purchased, and the related costs involved will be provided by the Commission and NTIA as the commencement of the coupon program on January 1, 2008, approaches.

If I Already Have an Antenna, Do I Need a New One to View the Digital Signals?

A special antenna generally is not needed to receive digital signals. You may have antenna issues, however, if your current antenna does not receive UHF signals (channels 14 and above) well, because most DTV stations are on UHF channels. In such a case, you may need a new antenna or to add a UHF section to your existing antenna system. This equipment should be available at most bricks-and-mortar and Internet consumer electronics retailers.

How Do I Receive Digital Broadcasts If I Subscribe To Cable Or Satellite?

If you receive cable or satellite television service, contact your cable or satellite provider about any additional components, such as a digital set-top box, that you may need to watch digital broadcast programming.

If I Buy a DTV, Will My VCR, DVD Player, Camcorder, Video Games, Or Other Equipment Still Work?

VCRs, DVD players, camcorders and video games will continue to work, even if they are only analog-capable. Such equipment, however, may not provide digital-quality picture and sound. Manufacturers are producing a number of different connectors to hook equipment together and improve picture and sound quality. Check with your equipment retailer to determine the types of connectors that will work with your equipment.

How Much Will DTV Improve My TV Viewing?

While picture quality will vary according to whether you watch digital programming in high definition (HDTV) or standard definition (SDTV) format, over-the-air digital programming provides a better viewing experience than over-the-air analog programming, as long as you have good quality reception through your antenna.

How Much Will a DTV Cost?

Prices vary depending on the many features and options available to consumers, including format, display technology, and screen size. Display technology choices include cathode ray tube screens, rear projection TVs, front projection TVs, and flat panel TVs. Flat panel TVs, often the most expensive, can use either a liquid crystal display (LCD) or plasma screen technology. Screen size is measured



diagonally across the screen, and the larger the screen, generally the more expensive the TV. To determine the equipment and features that are right for you, learn about DTV from our Web Site and discuss your options with your retailer.

For More Information

For more information about the DTV transition, go to www.dtv.gov, which also provides links to several other informative websites, or contact the FCC's Consumer Center by e-mailing dtvinfo@fcc.gov; calling 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) voice or 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322) TTY; faxing 1-866-418-0232; or writing to:

Federal Communications Commission
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554.

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